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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Foley

A RESOLUTION commending Billy F. Hendley.

Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley, born May 31, 1938, at Hillsdale, Tennessee, is the oldest son of Wilbert "Wilby" J. Hendley of Pine Hill, Tennessee, and Ida May Taylor of Lafayette, Tennessee;

Whereas, In 1943, the Hendley family moved to Union Township, Johnson County, Indiana, where Billy attended school;

Whereas, On April 29, 1956, Billy volunteered for the Indiana Army National Guard where he served three consecutive enlistments: From 1956 to 1959 as an ordnance parts specialist, Headquarters & Company A of the 738th

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Ordnance Battalion, from 1959 to 1961 as an ordnance supply specialist, Headquarters & Company A of the 738th Ordnance Battalion, and from 1961 to 1966 as a light truck driver, Company B, 38th Aviation Battalion;

Whereas, While serving in the Army National Guard, Billy attended the United States Army Quartermasters School at Ft. Lee, Virginia, where he was named honor graduate of the Canvas and Webbed Equipment Repair Course and was recognized on the front page of the Franklin Evening Star, Franklin, Indiana;

Whereas, Billy's career in the Army National Guard was eventful, having participated in a snow emergency called by Governor Roger D. Branigin and earning three Sharpshooter (Rifle) Badges;

Whereas, Billy was honorably discharged from the Army National Guard on June 16, 1966, with ten years of service and the rank of sergeant;

Whereas, From December 17, 1956, through November 29, 1965, Billy worked for the military department of Indiana (USPFO) as a trades helper, mechanic (jr.), painter, canvas and leather repairman, and automotive repairman;

Whereas, In addition to his other endeavors, Billy was an entrepreneur, establishing a Phillips 66 service station and Bill's Upholstery Shop in Franklin, Indiana;

Whereas, While establishing his businesses, Billy worked as a truck driver for Roadway Express, Inc. of Indianapolis for 18 years;

Whereas, Upon his retirement on May 31, 2000, Billy gave the upholstery business to his youngest son, Tim, who operates it from his farm in Morgantown, Indiana;

Whereas, On November 20, 1959, in a ceremony performed by the bride's father, the late Rev. Howard O. Snyder, Billy married Marilyn Jo Snyder;



Whereas, Billy and Marilyn have five children: Bryan D. Hendley of Edinburgh, Indiana; Terri L. Webb of Franklin, Indiana; Steven W. Hendley and Timothy H. Hendley of Trafalgar, Indiana; and Carol M. Getinger of Edinburgh, Indiana;

Whereas, Billy F. Hendley held the first Hendley Family Reunion at his Banta, Indiana, home on Memorial Day 1972, and the first National Reunion at his home near Providence, Indiana, on Memorial Day 1975, an event that established the Hendley Family Association of Tennessee;

Whereas, Billy has played an important role in the establishment of the Hendley Family Association, serving on the first board of directors of the Hendley Family Association from 1976 to 1977; hosting the first reunion of the Francis Marion Hendley Clan branch of the Hendley Family Association, Memorial Day 1976, in honor of the United States Bicentennial; was the original signer of the association's charter, filed December 29, 1976, at the State Capitol in Nashville, Tennessee; and served as the second national president of the Hendley Family Association, Inc. of Tennessee from 1978 to 1979;

Whereas, Billy F. Hendley and his wife, Marilyn, supported the establishment of the Johnson County Association for Retarded Citizens at the Gateway Learning Center at Franklin, Indiana, in 1964. Their son, Steven, was born with Down's syndrome and attended the center from 1968 until his graduation in 1984;

Whereas, Billy F. Hendley is also active in his community, serving as a member of the Tennessee Monument Commission, Inc. of Tennessee, which was responsible for the placement of Tennessee Memorial at Gettysburg on July 3, 1982; the Anita, Indiana, Historical Marker Committee; Eli Lilly American Legion Post 374; the Indiana-Tennessee Civil War Memorial Commission; and the White River Valley Region Antique Car Club of America; and

Whereas, Billy F. Hendley has been the recipient of many awards and honors for his public service and community



involvement, including the Honorary Lieutenant Governor citation from Governor Frank O'Bannon, a 30th wedding proclamation from Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut, the National Guard lapel pin from Adjutant General Carl G. Farrell of Indiana, the Governor's Outstanding Tennessean Award from Governor Ned R. McWherter, and Tennessee Senate Resolution 84: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2 honor and commend Billy Frank Hendley for his public service and his
- 3 dedication to family and to wish him the best in retirement.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit two copies of this resolution to the Hendley
- 6 Family Association, Inc., 3031 Mill Pond Lane, Silver Point, Tennessee
- 7 38582.

